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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" My point is that my late friend late Mr. Antony said that such instructoins were issued? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. Minister says that they were not issued."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Mr. Antony was in honorary magistrate himself and he received such instructions? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It might have been the practice of former Governments, but we have come to the definite conclusion that it is not proper nor right for the Government to issue such instructions to the officers of the judicial service."

Ghee produced in this Province.

* 4 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of ghee produced in this Province during each of the three years 1944–45, 1945–46 and 1946–47;

(*b*) the quantity required for internal consumption in the Province annually;

(*c*) the quantity that could be exported outside the Province;

(*d*) the quantity permitted to be exported outside the Province during each of the three years prior to 31st March 1947;

(*e*) the persons who were granted permits to export to other Provinces quantities in excess of 10 tons during the above period, their occupation and address and the quantities for which the permits were issued; and

(*f*) whether any price was fixed for purchase and export and if so, the prices so fixed?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) 37,960 tons per annum on an average. Actual figures for each of the three years are not available.

" (*b*) The normal requirements for consumption in this Province are estimated at 36,120 tons per annum.

" (*c*) This quantity may be estimated roughly at 1,840 tons per annum.

" (*d*) 1944–45—3,249 tons and 1,106 llbs.

1945–46—1,654 tons and 66 lbs.

1946–47—3,426 tons and 2,139 lbs.

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" (*e*) The following firms were granted permits to export ghee for the quantities shown against each :—

Year.	Name and address of firm.	Quantity for wh ch permits were issued. TONS.	LB.
1944–45	1 Messrs. The Ghee Supply Company, Limited, No. 96, Bull Temple Road, Bangalore City, Government of India contractors for the supply of ghee to the Defence Services ..	1,947	2,230
	2 Messrs. The British India Trading Co., No. 60, New Extensions, Seshadripuram, Malleswaram P O., Bangalere, Government of India contractors for the supply of ghee to the Defence Services	1,030	1,116
1945–46	Messrs. The British India Trading Co., No. 60, New Extensions, Seshadripuram, Malleswaram P.O., Bangalore, Government of India contractors for the supply of ghee to the Defence Services —	1,278	626
1946–47	Messrs. The British India Trading Co., No. 60, New Extensions, Seshadripuram, Malleswaram P.O., Bangalore, Government of India contractors for the supply of ghee to the Defence Services	2,952	2,139

The above quantities were exported in monthly quotas of over 10 tons on each occasion for supply to the Defence Services. In the following cases special permits were issued for the export of deteriorated ghee to Bengal during the year 1946–47. :—

Year.	Name and address of firm.	Quantity for which permits were issued. TONS.
1946–47	1 Messrs. Amruth Ghee Company, Limited, Ghee merchants, Guntur.	330
	2 Sri K. Rajalingeswara Rao, Ghee merchants, Gollaprole	75
	3 Messrs. Motibai, Proprietrix, Messrs. Lakshmidoss Premji Jetha Bai, Ghee merchants, Guntur ..	250
	4 Sri Lakshmi Brand Ghee Stores, Ghee merchants, No. 2/64, Pondy Bazaar, Madras	90

" (*f*) No price was fixed for purchase and export of ghee. "

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K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I ask what is meant by deteriorated ghee?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It means ghee whose keeping qualities have not been kept up and which has an unpleasant smell."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it good for human consumption?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It has been used in Bengal and there have been no reports of death on that account."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" I should like to know from the Hon. Minister who is a medical man himself whether it is fit for human consumption?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" May I inform the hon. Member that deteriorated ghee is not swallowed as such; it is boiled to a very high temperature and then some sweets are made and it is really fit for consumption then."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think it is a matter for West Bengal or East Bengal."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" My point is that if the Government think it is not fit for human consumption in this Province, it should apply equally to Bengal also. If the Government consider that it is harmful, they ought not to have exported it to any part of the world."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" In the first place, I may assure the hon. Member that the present Government is not responsible for it. Secondly, when there are people who require ghee of a cheaper quality and are prepared to use it without harm to human life, I do not see why a stuff like that should be thrown out if it can be used advantageously."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Then could it not be used in this Province, Sir? There seems to be some distinction made between good ghee and deteriorated ghee. Permit has been given for the export of deteriorated ghee and I want to know why permit has been given for this ghee alone. If it is bad for human consumption here, it is equally bad for human consumption elsewhere. If poor people can use it in other places, poor people can use it here also, especially when good ghee is not available."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The point is that there was no demand for deteriorated ghee in this Province. There was a demand for it in Bengal and so it was sent there. We need not necessarily construe that it is all for human consumption. It might have been used as fat for the manufacture of soaps and other things."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim should address some of the members in Bengal as to why they had ordered for such ghee."

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K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Firstly, Sir, I am not as much anxious about the interests of Bengal as those of our province. Secondly, if it was unfit for human consumption, it must have been so in any part of the world."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know on what basis the requirements of this province have been arrived at and the exportable surplus determined by the Government?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I am not aware of the conditions at the time the ghee was exported. If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I shall answer."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Have the Government any information about the partners of the companies that applied for special permits for export of deteriorated ghee to Bengal?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There is nothing on record."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Who classified the ghee as ' deteriorated ', as it might have been so classified to get permits for export?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It should have deteriorated because it has not been possible to market it."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member wants to know who marked it as deteriorated."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is marked in my file." (Laughter.)

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Ghee of good quality might have been labelled as deteriorated to get permits."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is left to the hon. Member to draw whatever inference he likes."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB :—" What is the definition of ' deteriorated ghee '?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" As a medical man, the hon. Member should know it better than I do."

Post-war Reconstruction Schemes.

* 5 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the Post-War Reconstruction Schemes of the Government are in respect of which grants have been allotted by the Government of India ;

(*b*) what is the amount involved in each of the scheme in (*a*) and what is the nature and quantum of assistance promised in respect of each scheme by the Government of India;